

Family News

October 2026



Craft and Chatter

1st & 3rd Fridays monthly, 10am -12 noon
at Southwell Baptist Church



Card making, knitting, adult colouring,
& crochet, plus magazines to browse
and occasional workshops on varied
crafts.

Free to all
Light refreshments
available



Hope Drives Out Fear

Here we are heading into October and another year three quarters gone. I don't know about your supermarket, but Tesco has had aisles of Hallowe'en themed goods ever since the children went back to school in early September, and the displays of Christmas goodies are joining them at a rapid rate.

I find that October is a month of two faces. On the one hand we have the beautiful colours, crisp mornings, and harvest produce in abundance. On the other we have shorter days, darker nights, and a month where fear is commercialised, darkness is celebrated, and popular culture leans into the spooky and supernatural. Children encounter frightening imagery whilst enjoying the increasingly popular 'trick or treat' tradition, and adults don't want their children to feel excluded but may still feel uneasy about the darker themes. All in all, this can be a confusing and uncomfortable time for Christians.

Whilst not wanting to judge those who embrace and enjoy Hallowe'en, we can, as Christians, offer a better story - one grounded in peace, love, truth and hope. Scripture regularly reminds us that we do not need to fear:

Perfect love drives out fear (1 John 4:18)

Do not be afraid, for I am with you (Isaiah 41:10)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

October is a chance, then, to reaffirm that we do not need to be fearful people. Not because we are strong, but because God is. Not because we don't have worries or concerns, but because He walks beside us and willingly shoulders our burdens.

Whilst others celebrate darkness we celebrate the Light of the World, and are encouraged to be light bringers ourselves. Light doesn't hide from darkness - it transforms it.

Blessings

Sue

Featuring our own Lynda Edwards



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AWAKENING & FAREWELL

ANNA CLYNE
THIS MOMENT

STRAUSS
FOUR LAST SONGS

MAHLER
SYMPHONY NO 1
"THE TITAN"



SOLOIST
ESTHER SHEA

CONDUCTED BY
MARK HERON



SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026 3.00PM
ALBERT HALL, NOTTINGHAM

Tickets: £21
Students/Children: £7
All seats unreserved

Available from Ticketsource:
Online bookings: ticketsource.co.uk/npo
Telephone bookings: 0333 666 3366
Tickets available on the door



Repent and Be Baptised

What is the importance and the significance of water baptism?

In any study of Christian doctrine, the Word of God must remain our sole authority – no matter how it challenges our preconceived ideas. One such area is the mode and meaning of water baptism. The question has often been raised: sprinkling or immersion? Which is truly scriptural?

The New Testament uses the Greek word baptizo – meaning “to immerse, to sink” – a term even applied to ships going down beneath the waves. When the apostles wrote “baptizo”, they understood it to mean immersion, not sprinkling.

Baptism in apostolic times

History supports this. Baptism by immersion was the only mode practised for the first two centuries after Christ. Even thereafter, sprinkling remained rare. Dr Barlow, former Oxford professor and later Bishop of Lincoln, affirmed: “I do believe and know that there is neither precept nor example in Scripture for infant baptism, nor any just evidence for it above 200 years after Christ.” Church historian Mosheim noted: “The sacrament of baptism was administered in the first century by an immersion of the whole body in the baptismal font.” The change came much later.

Immersion in Scripture

Baptism is consistently portrayed in the Bible as a complete plunging beneath water. Jesus spoke of his suffering and death as a “baptism” (Luke 12:50), a total immersion in agony – “All your waves and breakers have swept over me,” (Jonah 2:3). The apostle Paul described baptism as burial: “Buried with him in baptism,” (Colossians 2:12). Burial covers the whole body – so too must baptism.

John the Baptist chose to minister “because there was plenty of water” at

Aenon near Salim (John 3:23). The picture is clear: immersion, not sprinkling.

Who should be baptised?

The apostolic conditions are unambiguous. On the day of Pentecost, Peter commanded: “Repent and be baptised, every one of you,” (Acts 2:38). When the Ethiopian eunuch sought baptism, Philip replied: “If you believe with all your heart, you may,” (Acts 8:37). Repentance and personal faith must precede baptism – making infant baptism unscriptural.

A command, not an option

Some treat baptism as optional. Yet Peter’s words are a command, not a suggestion. Baptism is not a means of salvation – only the blood of Jesus cleanses from sin (1 John 1:7) – but it is a mark of obedience. True discipleship leads us through the waters.

Christ, our example

Jesus himself was baptised by John in the Jordan. When John hesitated, Jesus answered: “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness,” (Matthew 3:15). He had no sins to wash away, yet he submitted to baptism “leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps,” (1 Peter 2:21).



At his baptism, heaven was opened, the Spirit descended, and the Father’s voice declared: “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17).

The significance of baptism

Baptism is an outward declaration of an inward reality – a public testimony that the believer has turned from the old life. It mirrors Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Isaiah's prophecy becomes personal: "He was pierced for our transgressions... and by his wounds we are healed," (Isaiah 53:5).

Going down into the water symbolises death with Christ; being raised from the water signifies resurrection with him. As Paul wrote: "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too may live a new life," (Romans 6:4). The same power that raised Jesus from the tomb enables the believer to walk in newness of life.

Baptism, then, is not an empty ritual. It is the believer's declaration that "the old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is the step where faith, obedience, and witness meet.

For those who have repented and believed, it remains as relevant and necessary as in the days of the apostles – a joyful burial and resurrection enacted in water, proclaiming to the world: "I belong to Jesus.

From iBelieve magazine. Submitted by Barry Westbury





T4U

**GIVE LOVE
IN A BOX
THIS YEAR**

**From your hand to theirs.
Your shoebox will be
given to a vulnerable
child or family, distributed
through schools, nurseries,
hospitals and orphanages
in Eastern Europe.**

**Please drop off your
shoebox here:**

**Southwell Baptist
Church**

Collection dates:

from Now until 18th Oct

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Shoobox Appeal 2026

If you can help with the appeal this year it would be very much appreciated. These boxes go to some of Europe's most vulnerable children, most of whom will receive nothing else for Christmas. To make it easier for you we have bought in boxes for you to take and fill, and suggestions for suitable items to include (and restrictions on those you shouldn't) can be seen below.

Please return filled boxes to SBC by 18th October at the latest

What to do:

1. *Use our Flat-pack OR Find an empty shoebox.* Wrap the lid and box separately if needed.
2. *Boy, Girl or Home?* Choose who you'd like your box to go to and fill out the label. Stick the label to the front of your shoebox.
3. *Personalise your shoebox* – take a look at the list of gift ideas in this leaflet. More ideas are also available online.
4. *Make your donation* – Online at teams4u.com or fill in the form in this leaflet and put it in the envelope provided along with the recommended donation of £3.50 and place inside your shoebox. This donation helps us to get the shoebox to the children.
5. *Close the box with an elastic band.*
6. *Drop off your shoebox* – Find your nearest drop off point at teams4u.com

WHAT CAN GO IN MY SHOEBOX?

Please choose a selection of items from those suggested below (more ideas are available on our website) but please do not include anything from the 'NO' list. Items should be **new**, however pre-loved items in good condition are acceptable.

For boys or girls:

Toothbrush & toothpaste, hair accessories/brush, soap & face cloth, stationery & paper, gloves, hat & scarf, new socks/underwear, a soft toy, game, puzzle, small musical instruments, toy vehicles, small ball, sweets (use by date from June), a photo and message from yourself.

The Home box:

Candles, cooking utensils, plastic containers, t-towels, washing up cloths, hairbrush, small toiletries, bowls & cups, small decoration, soap, clothes pegs, headscarves, new socks and underwear, jewellery, new makeup.

NO:

Food (only exception is sweets), medicines, military themed items, anything highly flammable, sharp items, novels. No sanitary items in shoeboxes although they can be sent out separately. Looking for more ideas, visit teams4u.com

Boy		Home
☐ 3-5 years		
☐ 6-11 years		
☐ 12+ years		
Girl		
☐ 3-5 years		☐
☐ 6-11 years		
☐ 12+ years		
		



The Dwelling Place

Southwell Baptist Church

1st Fridays Monthly 9.30-2.30

Bacon Roll , white or brown. 4.50
Add egg. 50

Sandwiches served with salad garnish and crisps .
on brown, white or gluten free bread.
Smoked salmon & cream cheese 5.50
Tuna Mayo. 5.00
Chicken and salad. 5.50
Ham and salad. 5.50
Cream cheese and beetroot. 4.50
Cheese, tomato or onion. 4.50
Egg and tomato 4.50
Cream cheese & cucumber 4.50
Honey roast ham and tomato £5.50

Soup of the day..see board with roll and butter 4.50

Light bites

Toasted Teacake & butter. 2.00
Scones with butter. 2.50
Jam. 50 Cream. 50
Cheese scone with butter. 2.50
Pickle. 50

Deserts - see board

Cakes -see counter....All home made

Drinks

Teapot per person. 2.00
Lemon & Ginger , Earl Grey, Green tea
Berry and Peppermint. 2.50
Cafetière coffee per person. 2.50
De caff. 2.50
Cold cans, coke, diet coke,
Lemonade. 1.50
Elderflower 2.50
Sparkling water. 1.50

Dates for the Diary

Oct 3rd	Work Morning
Dec 13th	Carols by Candlelight
Dec 20th	Bring & Share Christmas Social
2027	
Jan 10th	Covenant Service
Jan 20th	CTiS Week of Prayer Meeting at SBC

Regular Church Activities

Renew Wellbeing	Every Monday 1pm-3pm (except Bank Hols)
Craft & Chatter	1st & 3rd Fridays Monthly
Dwelling Place	1st Fridays Monthly
Prayer Meeting	Wednesdays 7.30am via Zoom Sundays 10.00-10.20am before service
Southwell Court Services	1st Tuesday Monthly

If you have something you'd like to share that would be suitable to include in the magazine please do send it via info@southwellbaptistchurch.co.uk. The cut-off date for each issue is the 15th of the previous month. Don't worry if you're not confident with writing - tell me what you want to say and I'm happy to help. *Sue*.

Renew Southwell

at Southwell Baptist Church

A quiet shared space where it's ok not to be ok.

Join us
every Monday
at 1.00pm
for chat, shared
hobbies, and company.



www.renewwellbeing.org.uk
charity no: 1173963

It's easy to get in touch and
a warm welcome awaits you.
Just drop in on a Monday or
for more info:

email info@southwellbaptistchurch.co.uk

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Church Administrator's Apology Form

Please tick the apology you require and consider it officially issued.

There is no need to telephone to confirm that I have received your disappointment.

I'm SO sorry that...

- ☐ I understood "the deadline" to include you.
- ☐ Your Sunday morning announcement didn't make it into Friday's printing.
- ☐ I printed the date you supplied, rather than the date you intended.
- ☐ Your notice appeared below the jumble sale, despite your committee's greater standing in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- ☐ I reduced your "short announcement" to something shorter than the *Epistle to the Romans*.
- ☐ The newsletter contains too much information.
- ☐ The information you require is not in the newsletter. (It actually is. Please look again.)
- ☐ I failed to record the hall booking you mentioned to me in the Coop last March.
- ☐ Your "usual room" was allocated to a group who had unusually booked it.
- ☐ I asked you to complete a booking form when you have been coming here for forty years.
- ☐ The minutes recorded what you said, rather than what you now wish you had said.
- ☐ Your name appeared without the title Jesus so carelessly omitted when calling you by name.
- ☐ I put you on the rota after you said "any time".
- ☐ I failed to interpret "any time" as excluding the dates you haven't told me about.
- ☐ I was on the telephone when you rang to ask why I hadn't answered your email.
- ☐ Your "quick question" coincided with my unreasonable desire to go home.

(Sent to Sue by Chris P and shared with a giggle and tongue in cheek - mostly!)

Weekly Programme

Sun	10.00am	Prayer Meeting (Upstairs Room)
Sun	10.30am	Sunday Worship & Children's Church
Mon	1.00 pm 07.30pm	Renew Wellbeing Home Group - Southwell
Tue	10.30am 07.30pm	Home Group at SBC Home Group via Zoom
Weds	7.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom Home Group - location varies Home Group - Southwell
1st Tues Monthly	02.30pm	Service at Southwell Court Care Home
1st Fri monthly	10.00am	Dwelling Place Tea Room (inc Craft & Chatter from 10am-12 noon)
3rd Fri monthly	10.00-12noon	Craft & Chatter

Contact Details:

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Child Protection & Vulnerable Adult Representatives:

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SBC Work Morning

3rd October 9am

A morning of church & garden
tidying, minor
repairs and cleaning.

Includes a shared breakfast.

